



Project Evaluations

Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office

Our mission is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Mission Statement



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The Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office (CESFO) provides technical assistance to Federal and State agencies, local governments, businesses, and the general public in regard to conserving, protecting, and restoring habitat for federally listed threatened and endangered species including migratory birds and other Federal natural trust resources.

Legal Authorities for Consultations: *Endangered Species Act (ESA)*

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act outlines procedures for interagency cooperation to conserve federally listed species and designated critical habitats or project with Federal Nexus

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act proposes to assure that fish and wildlife resources receive equal consideration with other values during the planning of water resources development projects.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act is the primary legislation in the U.S. established to conserve migratory birds.

Coastal Barriers

The legislation was implemented as part of a Department of Interior initiative to preserve the ecological integrity of areas that serve to buffer the U.S. mainland from storms and provide important habitats for fish and wildlife.

How Can We Assist You?

- Assist with the determination of presence/absence of threatened and endangered species, suitable habitats, wetland resources, coastal barriers and important wildlife areas within the project site.
- Evaluating possible direct, indirect and cumulative impacts.
- Providing conservation recommendations to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate impacts on:
 - Endangered species and their habitats
 - Wetlands and other aquatic habitats
 - Migratory birds
 - Coastal barriers
 - Critical wildlife areas
- Providing general recommendations for habitat enhancement.



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Minimum Requirements to Start an Evaluation

1. A project description.
2. An 8.5 by 11 inch copy of the specific site location on a USGS topographic map (1:20,000) marked with a red arrow.
3. Aerial photos of the project site.
4. Photos of the project site.
5. Latitude and Longitude coordinates (degrees/minutes/seconds)
6. Environmental Documents:
 - Flora and Fauna Assessments
 - Soil Studies
 - Environmental Assessments
 - Wetlands Delineations
 - Environmental Impacts Statement

Submitting a Project Package

1. Compile all the minimum requirements.
2. Include proponent contact information, complete mailing addresses and email.
3. Send all the available documents for the project by regular mail to:

Caribbean Ecological Services
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
P.O. Box 491
Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622



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Once received, the project will be screened and if more information is needed we will contact the proponent. Most of the evaluations take approximately 30 to 45 days to be completed.

For more information

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